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Sands Point is perhaps one of the most interesting places on Northern Long Island. Being an adjunct of Port Washington and the home of many of our wealthy residents, a story in connection with it that has been handed down from generation to generation may interest. News readers.

Sands Point was named for its first owner, Captain James Sands, a son of James Sands, of Rhode Island, who in 1694 married Sarah Cornwell and settled upon the northwestern point of Cow Neck. When the Revolution broke out the Sands family was represented by John, Simon and Benjamin Sands. They were prominent in the movement that separated Cow and Great Necks from Tory Hempstead and allied them to the American cause. On September 23, 1775, the residents of Cow Neck sent the following resolutions to the Provincial Congress:

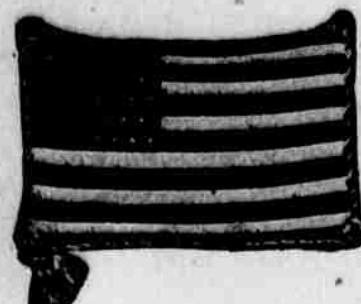
Resolved, That during the present controversy, or so long as their conduct is inimical to freedom we be no further considered a part of the township of Hempstead than is consistent with peace, liberty and safety. Therefore in all matters relative to the congressional plan we shall consider ourselves as an entire separate and independent beat or district.

White Plains, Colonel Sands learned from the quartermaster-general how low was the supply of powder and he thought him how he might secure his small store. Mrs. Sands received a note on August 18 from her husband asking her to meet a company of his men at Sands Point and deliver the stored powder to them. Mrs. Sands didn't stop to think whether she could, but gave the messenger a hasty note saying that she would be at the point with the powder early the next morning and hurried him off. The next morning, bright and early, in the family gig of the old-fashioned large box and leather spring variety, with her husband's old and most trusty negro slave, she was on her way to Sands Point with the keg of powder safely stored out of sight between her feet.

In the Onderdonk homestead, which stood at what is now known as Monfort's Corner, was settled a company of Hessian soldiers and Mrs. Sands had to go by them. She was not old, but the powdered wig she wore gave her face, surmounted by an old bonnet, a look of rather advanced years, and the Hessian captain took her for a little old country woman, and upon her saying she was just going down to the point for a drive and a breath of fresh

might be something up. So he ordered out his men and they galloped furiously down toward the point. They came in sight just as Mrs. Sands was getting in the boat, for she had determined to go to her husband. The Hessians shouted and spurred on their horses, but as they splashed out on the bar to their boot tops in the water the whaleboat was gathering headway and leaving a foamy streak under the long, steady stroke of the Long Island soldiers. The Hessians fired but the balls fell wide and their second pistol shots fell quite short of the fast receding boat. Mrs. Sands stayed with the colonel and the powder did much good for America in the battle of White Plains.

As stated in the beginning the story was handed down by succeeding generations, and at present Judge Henry C. Morrell, of Great Neck, is pleased to be able to claim such a brave woman as a great grandmother. No members of the Sands family bearing the family name now reside at Sands Point or Port Washington.



A FOURTH OF JULY WISH.

I wish I had lived a single day
In the city of William Penn;
I think I'd have shouted my voice
away
With the rest of the people, when
The bell in the steeple rang out to
the sky
The very first time on the Fourth of
July.

I wish I had stood in the buckled
shoes
Of a minuteman's boy, and heard
How old Independence rang out the
news—
Oh, I don't think I'd wait for the
word,
But I'm pretty sure I would show
them that I
Was willing to own the first Fourth
of July.

I wish I had worn a three-cornered
hat
In the city of William Penn;
My heart would have beaten a rat-a-
tat
In the crowd with the minutemen,
To hear the bell ring and the merry
news fly
That this was the very first Fourth
of July.
—Frank Walcott Hunt, in Youth's
Companion.

Mr. Cracker-Jack—"Oh! why will
you not marry me?"
Miss Powdercorn—"Well, a match
between us would be a very danger-
ous thing."

THE TABLES TURNED.



MISS CO LUMBIA.

Resolved, That Mr. Daniel Whitehead K'sam, Adrian Onderdonk William Thorne, John Cornwell, Simon Sands, Benjamin Sands, John Mitchellken, Martin Schenck, Peter Onderdonk and Thomas Dodge be a committee for this beat or district.

True copy, attested:

JOHN FARMER,
Clerk of the meeting.

The copy was forwarded to Congress and President Nathaniel Woodhull sent a pleasing reply, in which he enclosed commissions for the military company they had formed among which was a captaincy for John Sands.

When the naval militia encamped at Sands Point few knew that there on July 2, 1776, Sergeant Manee and a detail mounted guard at that place and hoisted the first American flag to float on Northern Long Island. On the 24th Sergeant William Hicks mounted guard at what is now Hewlett's Point.

Captain Sands was the youngest of the family and but recently married to one of the Morrell family. During the time that elapsed between the awarding of the commissions and Sergeant Manee's detail to Sands Point, Captain Sands was at home most of the time and occupied himself on his farm and in gathering all the powder and lead he could find. He stored a keg of powder on his farm and when on July 25, 1776, he was made colonel and the British advance caused the American army to fall back, Colonel Sands left his wife, farm and powder, hoping to soon return. The battle of Long Island on August 12 filled his wife with fears for her husband. He and his regiment were familiar with the country and would, of course, have taken the front, and the patriotic little wife was glad to know that her brave husband would be of such service to the cause. Nevertheless, she longed to hear from him.

As Washington and his forces retreated to make their final stand at

sound air, let her pass. Mrs. Sands reached the point in safety and found her husband's men under a sergeant waiting under the point in a whale boat. In the meantime the Hessian captain learned that it was the wife of a rebel officer he had let through and concluded that there



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